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### AFGHANISTAN

(TL:VISA-299; 07-30-2001)

#### RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	[A]	[A]	[A]
A-2	[A]	[A]	[A]
A-3 [1]	NONE [B]	MULTIPLE [B]	12 MONTHS [B]
B-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1/B/2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
G-1	NONE [A]	MULTIPLE [A]	12 MONTHS [A]
G-2	NONE [A]	MULTIPLE [A]	12 MONTHS [A]
G-3	NONE [A]	ONE [A]	3 MONTHS [A]
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]

O-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS [8]

(A) Visa applications made by Afghan nationals must be submitted to the Department for an advisory opinion. Request should be slugged for CA/VO/L/A and SA/PAB. Subject line should read: Advisory Opinion other than security: Afghan Diplomat.

(B) An A-3 visa may be issued to an Afghan applicant who will be employed as a domestic for a diplomat of another nationality.

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

*(TL:VISA-291; 06-08-2001)*

The United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1333 on December 19, 2000. That resolution, among other things, "urges states to take steps to restrict the entry into, or transit through, their territory of all senior officials of the rank of deputy minister or higher in the Taliban, the equivalent rank of armed personnel under the control of the Taliban, and other senior advisors and dignitaries of the Taliban."

In order to facilitate a thorough review of cases within the scope of the resolution, posts should submit a VISAS DONKEY Security Advisory Opinion request on any visa applicant in the following categories, regardless of the results of CLASS name- checks:

1. Any Taliban official at the rank of Deputy Minister or higher.
2. Any member of the armed forces under control of the Taliban with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or above.
3. Any senior Taliban advisor who post feels plays an important role in the formation of Taliban policies.

4. Any individual whose stated purpose in traveling is to conduct business on behalf of the Taliban.

When a VISAS DONKEY security advisory opinion has been requested, the Department's response is required, prior to visa issuance. If no other ineligibilities exist, the Department will consider a 212(a)(3)(C) finding (foreign policy grounds).

In addition to the above requirement, an advisory opinion (AO) request is required for any individual claiming to be a diplomatic representative of any faction in Afghanistan who seeks to travel to the U.S. on official business, and any dependents of such individuals. Cables should be slugged for CA/VO/L/A and SA/PAB, with the subject line "Advisory Opinion Other Than Security: Afghan Diplomat."

Posts may issue an A-3 visa to an Afghan applicant who will be working as a domestic employee for a diplomat of another nationality without an advisory opinion.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Protracted wartime conditions and the absence of an established central authority have made document availability and reliability very uncertain.

### **Birth Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Availability and veracity varies widely. Some hospitals and local authorities provide birth records.

### **Police Record**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Unavailable.

## **Marriage Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Availability varies widely. Marriages are registered at courts and records are maintained in the form of white booklets that provide information on the bride and groom. Prior to 1966 marriages were seldom recorded.

## **Divorce Decree**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

May be available. In urban areas divorces sanctioned by courts are recorded, but the availability of records is uncertain. Court records may or may not exist.

## **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Unavailable. Military records kept by previous governments have reportedly been destroyed.

## **Other Records**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

The most universal and accurate document in Afghanistan is the identity card (taskera). In addition to the name of the individual, the father and paternal grandfather's names are provided. The year of birth (approximate for older persons) and marital status are also furnished. These have been superseded by "party cards" issued by seven different political groups inside Afghanistan.

## **Passports: Information on Travel Documents**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Various Afghan authorities issue passports. Standards for identification of applicants and supporting documents vary widely, and issuance to non-Afghans is alleged with some frequency.

## **VISA ISSUING POST**

*(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)*

Nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applications for nationals of Afghanistan are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan.